



# TOWN OF WAKEFIELD

## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, July 13, 2023  
7:00 P.M.  
Zoom Meeting

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Eusden, Chair  
Tiana Veldwisch, Vice Chair  
Robin Greenberg, Clerk  
Steffin Spears  
Christina Olivieri  
Thomas Boettcher, WMGLD rep  
Amy Leeman, School Comm. rep

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:**  
Chris Lewis  
Lillian Guinther  
Julie Smith-Galvin, Town Council rep  
Ann Waitt, DPW rep proxy  
Joe Conway, DPW rep

### ----- TOPICS OF DISCUSSION -----

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m by M. Eusden.  
The meeting is being recording and closed captioning is available.

#### Public Participation

#### Approval of Minutes

R. Greenberg motioned for approval of the June meeting notes. S. Spears second.  
Motion passed.

#### Tabling @ Farmers Market & Town Day

ESC will be at the Farmers Market at July 29<sup>th</sup>. Table will be focused on how to go plastic free since July is Plastic Free Month.  
Town Day in October 7<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for both dates.

#### Educational Events

M. Eusden and T. Veldwisch met with Martha Grover, Melrose's Sustainability Manager to talk about their EV showcase event. Once date is set, T. Boettcher offered to coordinate to have WMGLD rep attend to answer about their EV programs.

T. Veldwisch sent out a request for volunteers to offer to host a sustainability open house, ideally in a cluster of other homes so visitors can see several at once, to celebrate how you can go green in your house.

#### Waste Reduction Subcommittee

The subcommittee continues to work on creating a Green Business program. They are looking at case studies from other communities and working with Erin Kokinda, the town's Community and Economic Development Director.

The subcommittee is promoting Plastic Free July.



<b>Land Protection Subcommittee</b>	Representatives not present
<b>Building Efficiency Subcommittee</b>	R. Greenberg has no update.
<b>GHG Inventory / Green Communities Subcommittee</b>	M. Eusden has no update
<b>Community Education Subcommittee</b>	See notes above for events being planned.  T. Veldwisch shared that Wakefield WCAT video of our event with Gretchen Carey of Republic Services has been syndicated and shared with other local access channels. Gretchen has received positive responses.
<b>Student Member Update</b>	Student members' term has expired. Advertisement for new student members will be issued in the future.
<b>School Committee Liaison Update</b>	The committee welcomed Amy Leeman as ESC's new school committee liaison.
<b>DPW Liaison Update</b>	Representatives not present
<b>Town Council Liaison Update</b>	Representatives not present. On behalf of J. Smith-Galvin, R. Greenberg shared that the town Bike Ped Plan is under review. J. Smith-Galvin hopes to get approval later this summer.
<b>WMGLD Liaison Update</b>	T. Boettcher shared that WMGLD's community solar construction project has been delayed due to supply chain issues. The Community array will have capacity of 129kW. 20% of array to be reserved for low-income customers. Customers can sign up for 1kW. Costs are to be finalized but right now, they think that they will be \$100 for a first-time fee and then \$12/month customer charge. For low-income eligible customers, there is no first-time fee and just \$8/month customer charge. WMGLD hopes that the array will be available by January 2024. It will be possible for customers to participate in this new community solar program as well as the current Customer Choice program. To learn more about the programs, go to <a href="http://www.wmgld.org">www.wmgld.org</a>  WMGLD's Energy Park is still in under development and plans to be available for the town's new schools. They are still waiting for state approval.
<b>Opt-In Code</b>	ESC hopes to have the Opt-In Code proposed by-law brought forward as a warrant for the Fall Town Meeting. It will need to be brought forth by ESC or Citizen

Petition. Town Council has decided to not do it. WMGLD has not discussed it recently. Schedule of resident education has not yet been planned. A draft of the warrant article needs to be written.

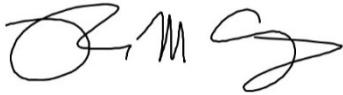
**Next Meeting**

The next regular Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 7pm.

**Committee  
Meeting  
Adjournment**

R. Greenberg motioned to adjourn. T. Veldwisch second. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



---

Robin Greenberg, Clerk

Attachments: -